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SUBJECT: OECD GROUP ON PREFERENCES: APRIL 17-19 MEETING OF GROUP OF EXPERTS ON RULES OF ORIGIN

1. EXPERTS ON RULES OF ORIGIN REVISED AND COMPLETED THE COMPENDIUM OF RULES OF ORIGIN, TC/GP/OR/10 (2ND REV.) AND CORRIGENDUM, ON A POINT BY POINT BASIS TO REFLECT CURRENT RULES OF OECD DONOR COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY THE RECONCILIATION OF RECENT REVISIONS TO APPENDIX II LISTS A AND B BY JAPAN AND AUSTRIA. A CANADIAN PROPOSAL TO INCORPORATE A LISTING OF

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS IN THE DONOR COUNTRIES, TO PROVIDE A FOCAL POINT FOR THE REFERRAL OF ORIGIN QUESTIONS, WAS ADOPTED FOR INCLUSION IN THE COMPENDIUM, AS WERE THE NEW RULES OF CUMULATIVE ORIGIN SUBMITTED BY EFTA AND JAPAN. THE U.S. DELEGATE ADVISED THE CHAIRMAN THAT NO SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES IN THE U.S./GSP UNCLASSIFIED

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RULES OF ORIGIN WERE CONTEMPLATED DURING C.Y. 1978.

2. THE SECRETARIAT WILL PREPARE A REVISED WORKING DOCUMENT INCORPORATING REVISIONS MADE AT THIS MEETING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR SUBMISSION TO MEMBERS OF THE GROUP FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT, WITH TARGET OF EARLY JULY FOR FINALIZING THE COMPENDIUM. THIS WOULD ALLOW

APPROXIMATELY TWO MONTHS FOR SUBSEQUENT REVIEW OF THE COMPLETED DOCUMENT AND PERMIT INFORMAL SUBMISSION SIMULTANEOUSLY TO THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT TO FACILITATE TRANSLATION FOR OCTOBER MEETING OF THE UNCTAD WORKING GROUP ON RULES OF ORIGIN.

3. THE EXPERTS ALSO REVIEWED DONOR SUBMISSIONS IN RESPONSE TO THE UNCTAD QUESTIONNAIRE AND AGREED THAT A FURTHER MEETING WOULD BE NECESSARY ON OCTOBER 3 TO CONSOLIDATE POSITIONS AND PREPARE A RESPONSE TO THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT'S DOCUMENT THAT IS EXPECTED TO BE DEVELOPED FROM THESE SUBMISSIONS. SALZMAN

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